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Dear Examiner Ade,

In preparation for our interview this Thursday (2pm), please find enclosed a list of topics that we hope to discuss with you and your SPE:

- the rejection of claim 7, including the alleged BusinessWire teaching of the claimed "program to take control of a wireless mobile device's menuing, interaction and display functions to extend the vendor device's display interface to said mobile device"

- the Office Action comment in para. 7, regarding Shore and the "displaying a list of product ..."

- the Office Action comment in para. 7, regarding BusinessWire's DST system

We also have a proposed new claim we would like to discuss:

Claim xx. (New) A vending machine, comprising:

- a local wireless transmission port; and

- a processor, coupled to the local wireless transmission port, and configured to:

- detect the presence of a mobile device that has entered a wireless transmission range of the local wireless port;

- in response to detecting the presence of the mobile device, automatically take control over interface functionality of the mobile device and alter a menu of the mobile device to automatically display a listing of products available for sale by the vending machine;

- receive a request, via the local wireless transmission port, for a purchase of a listed product by a user of the mobile device;

- process electronic payment for the product using an Internet account; and
 - dispense a purchased product upon successful payment.

I will give you a call to confirm receipt of this fax, and to confirm where we should go for the interview.

Looking forward to speaking with you, and best regards,

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